निगम बनाने के विकल्प का अनुसरण करने के साथ-साथ डी ओ टी का तर्क संगत पुनगर्ठन करने तथा इसे सुदृढ़ करने की आवश्यकता के बारे में व्यापक सर्व सहमति पाई गयी है। इनके बारे में (तथा इससे जुड़े मुद्दे के बारे में) व्यापक अध्ययन करने तथा मूल्यांकन करने की आवश्यकता है जिसकी विधिवत शुरुआत कर दी गई है।

Revenue Sharing Between Basic Service Operators and DoT.

4464. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have issued any guidelines or put any conditions like revenue sharing between basic service operators and the Department of Telecommunications, during fourth round of bidding in respect of eight circles, as reported in the Economic Times, New Delhi Edition, dated 4th July, 1998;

(b) if so, the details thereof indicating demands of cellular operators and reaction of Government thereto; and

(c) what steps Goverment have taken so far for telecom expansion will full transparency and targets set in this regard during 1998-99?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI KABINDRA PURKAYASTHA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise in view of 'a' above. However, the cellular operators have demanded a moratorium on the payment of Licence Fee and extension of the licence period. The matter has been referred to the Bureau of Industrial Costs and Prices (BICP) and their report is awaited.

(c) The targets set for various Telecom Services for 1998-99 are as given below:—

(i)	New Switching Capacity	—	49.3 lakh lines
(ii)	Direct Exchange Lines	—	36 lakh lines
(iii)	Tax Capacity	—	4.5 lakh lines
(iv)	Microwave/UHF	—	19500 Rkms.
(v)	Optical Fibre	—	35000 Rkms.
(vi)	VPTs	—	45000 Nos.

Requests to Provide Certain Equipment to the A.P. Telecom Circle International Airports

4465. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether requests have been received to provide certain equipment to the A.P. Telecom Circle for early implementation of the State wide area network in Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the action taken to supply necessary equipments to remove encroachments and improve roads infrastructure in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI KABINDRA PURKAYASTHA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Request had been received for allotment of certain store items to remove encroachments and improve roads infrastructure in Andhra Pradesh Telecommunication Circle. Most of the store items have been allotted and material received under Mission Better communication and development works are also being diverted for these works.

Steps to Motivate Private Operators in Rural Areas

4466. SHRI VEDPRAKASH P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Telecom Policy, 1994, sought to attract private sector investment of Rs. 23,000 crore for providing basic telephone services in competition with DoT;

(b) if so, the steps Government has taken or plans to motivate the private